

TWICE A WEEK

RAT PORTAGE MINER

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN PACIFIC.

A New Transcontinental line
Railway Development
from East to West.

Canada's railway development has been along lines running east and west. First we had the old Great Western and Grand Trunk running from the east to the Detroit river, which in our early years of railway building was practically the western limit of the country. During the period when the Great Western and Grand Trunk formed our only trunk routes, the line of settlement did not extend more than fifty to one hundred miles north of the St. Lawrence and the great lakes. The next trunk line was the C.P.R. running from Montreal to Vancouver. This carried the line of settlement from fifty to one hundred miles farther north, and traversed an entirely new country from the great lakes to the Pacific. The fringe of territory traversed by the C.P.R. is now fairly well settled. A paying business has been created all along the line. The C.P.R. has proved a profitable and successful enterprise, and that too, within a short period. The time has arrived, or soon will be at hand, when another advance to the north can profitably be taken. This time we will take a jump northward of a couple of hundred miles. The objective points of the next transcontinental line will probably be Quebec or Chicoutimi on the Atlantic, and Port Simpson on the Pacific. Such a line would touch James Bay and keep to the north of Lake Winnipeg and Edmonton. We have no doubt the construction of Canada's Northern Pacific will become a practical issue within ten years' time. There are sufficient natural resources to warrant the construction of the suggested line, while the route will have several substantial geographical advantages. In regard to the natural

resources that will be opened up, we may mention the timber areas of northern Quebec and the country to the south of Hudson's Bay, the excellent agricultural areas of the Peace River district, the mineral wealth of northern British Columbia, together with the fisheries of Hudson's Bay and the large lakes and rivers of western Canada. Le Soleil de Quebec furnishes some interesting statistics about the route, which it refers to as Canada's future transcontinental line. The distance from Chicoutimi to Port Simpson is placed at 2,703, as against 3,078 miles from Quebec to Vancouver. The whole of the territory traversed by the proposed route has been pretty thoroughly explored, with the exception of the district between Moose Factory and a point north of Edmonton. There are no physical difficulties in the building of the proposed line, while the climatic conditions are in certain respects, more favorable than those characteristic of the C.P.R. Observations taken during the winter of 1898-99 show that the country to the north of the Cariboo mountains has a winter climate with a mean temperature considerably higher than Winnipeg. Canada could with more confidence, and certainty begin the construction of a new transcontinental line 200 miles to the north of the C.P.R. than it exhibited when it undertook the building of the latter twenty years ago.—Toronto World.

The New Rifle Clubs.

Ottawa, March 20.—The Militia Department has arranged to classify rifle clubs who apply for rifles and ammunition from the Government into two classes. The first of these will consist of regularly enlisted members of the militia, and each member will receive 200 rounds of ammunition per session. The other class will consist of clubs with private numbers, and these will get 100 rounds of ammunition per man. The private clubs will be placed under military control, and the members will be sworn in for three years' service. Four hundred applications for rifles and ammunition have been filed at the department. The ammunition which the Government supplies costs \$20 per thousand.

Boom in Sturgeon Row

THE undersigned solicits your con-
signments, and guarantees highest
market price. Remittance sent same
day good arrival.

WM. HANKE COMPANY.

9 North Moore Street
New York, U.S.A.

References—People's Bank, American Nat.
& Trust Co., Drexel and Jonathan, Jr.
Dun & Co., Bruce Cook and Timpano Econ-
omizing Company, all of New York.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.



RAT PORTAGE, ONT., APRIL 2, 1901.

PRICE 5 CENTS

TAKING OF THE CENSUS.

A List of the Questions You Will be Required to Answer

The census enumerators have commenced work and will most probably call upon you in the next couple of weeks. The date selected for recording the population is the same as the date fixed by the Imperial Parliament for taking the census of Great Britain, being Sunday, March 31. The decisive hour of reckoning is made 12 o'clock on the night of 31st of March, so that every one born before that hour and every one dying after it are to be counted in the population.

The heads of families, households and institutions are required to furnish the enumerator with all particulars regarding every person in the family, household or institution, as called for in the schedules. Where people are temporarily away from home the enumerator will leave a blank form and it is absolutely necessary for this form to be filled in when the enumerator calls again. The census act provides that any person, who, without lawful excuse, refuses to answer, or who wilfully answers falsely any question requisite for obtaining any information in respect to the census, asked of him by any enumerator shall, for very refusal or neglect or wilfully false answer, shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars and not less than five dollars.

To assist the enumerator and to save time it is desirable that every head of family look up ages of children, date of birth, etc. Also any other information that may be required in the following schedules:

SCHEDULE NO. 1. INFLATION.

1. Dwelling house.
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3. Name of each person in family or household on 31st March, 1901.
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9. Year of birth.
10. Age at last birthday.
11. Country or place of birth.
12. Year of immigration to Canada.
13. Year of naturalization.
14. Racial or tribal origin.
15. Nationality.
16. Religion.
17. Profession, occupation, trade or means of living of each person.

flax, tobacco, hops, grass seed, clover seed.

SCHEDULE NO. 6.—AGRICULTURE, LIVE STOCK AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

Totals of live stock, pure bred animals: killed or sold for slaughter or export; animal products.

SCHEDULE NO. 7.—AGRICULTURAL VALUES.

Farm values, (real estate, live stock and crops); values of animal products for home consumption and sale; values of all real estate and farms, manufacturing establishments or mines.

SCHEDULE NO. 8.—MANUFACTURING.

This is a special form for each establishment. To be recognized as a manufacturing establishment at least five hands must be employed.

SCHEDULE NO. 9.—PRODUCTS OF THE FOREST.

Timber, square, waney or flat; logs for lumber, etc.

SCHEDULE NO. 10.—FISHERIES.

This schedule has been withdrawn and a special officer will gather the required statistics.

SCHEDULE NO. 11.—MINING.

This is a special form. All products will be entered by quantities and spot values, its value at place of production.

CANADIAN ROUTES TAKE GRAIN

U.S. Grain-Shipping Firms Anticipate That Much More Grain Will go via Canadian Channels This Year.

Cleveland, March 27.—Representatives of grain-shipping firms in Chicago were in this city yesterday looking after tonnage for the first cargoes of the season, and also making arrangements for the season's business. From what they assert it is evident that a great deal of the grain from the Northwest is to be diverted from its former course, and will be shipped via Georgian Bay and Montreal. The new route will be through the Georgian Bay, and over the Parry Sound railroad to Montreal, which port already shows increase in its export grain shipments. This plan will make inroads upon the Buffalo business, and necessarily upon New York trade. When the elevators at both Port Colborne and Montreal have been established the additional movement through Montreal will be much greater.

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SAILING OF THE MONTFORD.

Canadian Forces Embarked Yesterday and the Vessel is at Anchor.

Halifax, March 20.—The Canadian contingent of constituents for South Africa embarked on the steamer Montford yesterday. The steamer left her dock sharp at 4 o'clock and anchored down the harbor. Thousands of persons lined the wharves to witness the departure.

Dear Sir: There came into my possession yesterday a prospectus issued by your company which for deliberate misrepresentation surpasses anything I have ever seen. You have used my name without my knowledge or consent, and have attempted to make me responsible for the

to allow my name to be used in connection with a company which is daily selling stock by exaggerating its resources and misrepresenting its properties.

I have just returned from the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining Engineers, in Montreal, where I met with a good deal of criticism from fellow members for allowing my name to be associated with such a company. I was able to "square" myself with the Canadian profession by showing copies of the letters I had written to LeClair and to the Rat Portage Miner, and I am asking you, Mr. Editor, to insert this letter in order that I may "square" myself with the public of your city and state, among whom I have a good many friends who may be induced by my apparent endorsement of the Ash Rapids Company to invest their money in this enterprise.

I am stated as mining superintendent of this company, and many kindly references are made in the prospectus to my standing as a mining expert, and I therefore may be expected to know something about the properties I am presumed to superintend. I shall therefore offer a plain statement of fact as to the resources of the Ash Rapids Company, quoting from newspaper advertisements and from their prospectus.

"Three Great Mines." This is part of the heading of the advertisement in the last issue of one of your Sunday papers.

The properties owned by the Ash Rapids Company are the "Boulder," the "Ash Rapids" and the "Sturgeon Lake." The facts as to the "Boulder" are as follows: There is a shaft 300 feet deep, there are no 50-foot drifts made at each 75-foot level; there are two drifts at the 100-foot level and no others.

"At the 200-foot level the vein had widened to 22 feet and assays made from ore taken at intervals of four inches across the entire vein averaged \$28 per ton." There is neither vein nor gold at this level.

"At the 300-foot level the vein is over 80 feet in width and carries valuable veins across the entire surface. There is neither vein nor gold at this level."

A number of equally wild statements followed which reach their culmination in these sentences:

"From development work already accomplished we know that there is more ore on the Boulder property than we will be able to mine in the next 500 years." "There are thousands of tons of ore on the dump and all that is needed to make this property an immediate producer is a stamp mill." "This mill will be only a starter. We have enough ore in sight to keep 4,000 stamps busy continuously for the next

G. E. NEADS, PRESIDENT.

Elected at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade Last Night.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade drew out a large attendance of members last night, in fact the Board rooms proved too small to accommodate those present in comfort. The report of the delegates, Messrs. Geo. Drewry, D. C. Cameron, Geo. A. Graham, W. A. Weir and J. Dean who interviewed the provincial and Dominion governors, was read and the thanks of the meeting tendered to the gentlemen who at their own expense represented the board.

The joint report of the president and the secretary, giving a review of the work during the year was received and read.

The election of officers for the present year resulted as follows:

President—C. E. Neads.

Vice President—Jacob Hose.

Members of the Council—Messrs. Geo. Drewry, Wm. Margach, D. C. Cameron, F. Gardner, W. A. Weir, Jno. Dean, J. E. Rice, and M. Kyle.

Rat Portage, March 1901.
To the presidents and members Board of Trade of the District of Rainy River.

The undersigned delegates recently deputed by you to interview the federal and provincial ministers on matters of interest pertaining to the district, beg to report as follows: We arrived in Toronto on the 24th of February, and on the evening of that day had an interview with Mr. Margach, crown timber agent, and discussed the matters which were to be brought before the government of the province. Next morning we met Mr. Conness by appointment; he was most zealous in arranging interviews for us with different members of the cabinet, accompanied us in all our interviews, and assisted us in every way he could. We first interviewed the Hon. Mr. Latchford, minister of public works, and discussed very fully with him the question of storage dams and the building of an iron bridge where the present floating bridge is.

As we found that an appropriation of \$1,000 had been made for roads, we had decided not to take up that matter, but to devote ourselves more to securing substantial aid toward building the bridge. In regard to the storage dams, we could not get definite statement from Mr. Latchford, but the building of such is being considered, and he insisted on passing the rays

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18. Living on own means.
19. Employer.
20. Employee.
21. Working on own account.
22. Working at trade in factory or home.
23. Months employed at trade in factory.
24. Months employed at trade in home.
25. Months employed in other occupation than trade in factory or home.
26. Earnings from occupation or trade.
27. Extra earnings.
28. Months at school in year.
29. Can read.
30. Can write.
31. Can speak English.
32. Can speak French.
33. Mother tongue.
34. Infirmities.

INCORPORATED 1670

House Furnishings

Nottingham Lace Curtains
Dainty patterns in various designs
2½ yards long at \$0.00 per pair; 3 yards long at \$0.10; 8½ pairs; 3½ yards long at \$1.25; \$1.75 to \$3.50 per pair.

Swiss Net Curtains
In a variety of very handsome patterns, white or cream, 3½ yards long at \$1.50; \$1.75; \$2.00; and \$2.50 per pair.

Carpets
Our stock of Carpets is large and complete in Brussels at 90c; \$1.; \$1.10; \$1.25 per yard; Velvets at \$1.25; \$1.35; \$1.50 per yard; Ingrains at 25c; 35c; 50c per yard.

Tapestry Curtains
Handsome Tapestry Curtains at 2.75, 3.15, 4.50 up to \$13.50 per pair.

New Art Denims
A beautiful assortment of Art Denims in very pretty designs at 35c, 50c per yard.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.



INCORPORATED 1670

The undersigned solicits your con-
sideration, and guarantees highest
market prices. Remittance sent same
day, good arrival.

W.M. HAUKE COMPANY,
26 North Moore Street,
New York, U.S.A.
References—People's Bank, Amsterdam Nat-
& Twine Co., Demarest and Joratienhoek, H. G.
Dun & Co., Bruce Cook and Timpani Recording
Company, all of New York.

HERMAN LEVY

55 Nassau St., New York,
Present Building
IMPORTER OF

Carbons for Diamond Drills
And All Mechanical Purposes

For Sale

One 8-hole
Second-hand
Hotel Range
in Good
Order

Jacob Hose

Hardware and House Furniture,
Cor. Main and Second Streets

Hudson Bay Stores
RAT PORTAGE.

Jas. Cooper Mfg. Co. (LIMITED)

INGERSOLL - SERGEANT

For Tunnels, Mines
and Quarries
ROCK DRILLS

AIR COMPRESSORS

Hoisting Engines, Boilers, Pumps, Crushers, Rolls.
HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL.

RICHARD HALL, Agent, - RAT PORTAGE, ONT.
Warehouse at Rat Portage.

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Fired at the Czar.

London, March 31.—A dispatch from Kieff says that an officer of the household attempted to assassinate the Czar. He fired a shot at him, but missed. He then killed himself.

London, March 31.—A St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs: "The revolutionary committee, composed of seventy-two members, was arrested after a desperate defence, the revolutionists firing at the police. Two secret revolutionary printing presses were seized in connection with the arrest. Altogether 3,000 arrests have been made. It is reported that some of the ministers now wear steel cuisses. It is reported that severe riots occurred during the last few days at Kieff, but were quelled by the military authorities.

SCHEDULE NO. 3—MORTALITY.

The following information is required of every family in reference to death of any member during the year: Name of deceased; sex; color; single, married, widowed or divorced; month of birth; year of birth; age of last birthday; country or place of birth; racial or tribal; religion; religion; profession, occupation or trade; month of death; disease, or cause of death; name of attending physician; physician's statement of cause of death.

SCHEDULE NO. 4—AGRICULTURE, FARM-LAND, FRUITS AND PLANTATIONS.

Areas of farmland, apple trees, peach trees, pear trees, plum trees, cherry trees, other fruit trees, grape vines, plantations of forests and ornamental trees.

SCHEDULE NO. 5—AGRICULTURE, FIELD PRODUCTS.

Spring wheat, fall wheat, barley, oats, rye, corn in ear, buckwheat, peas, beans, mixed grain, hay; forage crops, cow-pease, rape, corn, sorghum, millet, etc.; potatoes, other field roots,

peas, etc. to 22 feet, and assays made wait several months for their pay (myself among others), they had no credit among the merchants of Rat Portage. I therefore took Mr. LeClair's letter to A. McLeanhan, the solicitor of the company, and requested him to draw on the company, which I understood had reorganized as the Ash Rapids Co., for \$2,500 for preliminary expenses. This he did, and while I was waiting for the draft I came into possession (quite accidentally) of the prospectus of the company. I at once wrote the following letter to Mr. LeClair:

Rat Portage, Ont., March 1, 1901.
E. T. LeClair, Esq., President Ash
Rapids Gold Mining Co., Minne-

apolis.

Dear Sir: There came into my possession yesterday a prospectus issued by your company which for deliberate misrepresentation surpasses anything I have ever seen. You have used my name without my knowledge or consent, and have quoted me as having made statements I never made. I have never seen or reported on the "Ash Rapids" property and I must ask you to remove my name at once from your prospectus or there will be trouble. I decline to have anything to do with your company in any capacity whatever, and I shall take steps to have this letter published in every paper that has published your advertisements. Yours sincerely;

CHARLES BRENT.
The same day I published the following letter in the Rat Portage MINER:

Rat Portage, Ont., March 1, 1901.
To the Editor of The Miner:

Dear Sir.—There has come into my possession by accident the prospectus of a corporation calling itself, the "Ash Rapids Gold Mining Co." In this prospectus my name (misspelled) appears as mining engineer to the company, and a quotation is made from a report alleged to have been made by me on the "Ash Rapids" claim, one of the properties owned by this company. I desire to state:

First. That I am not responsible for any of the statements made in this prospectus.

Second. That I never saw or reported on the property in question.

Third. That the use of my name by this company was without my knowledge or consent. Yours respectfully,

CHARLES BRENT.

I may state that I am personally acquainted with E. T. LeClair, president: F. C. Barrows, vice-president, and C. G. Nelson, treasurer, of the Ash Rapids Gold Mining Company. These gentlemen were all directors of the old Boulder Mining company and have always been regarded by me as gentlemen of the highest standing and reputation for honesty. You may judge of my astonishment at finding them connected with a company which was issuing a prospectus that is full of the grossest misrepresentation. I have absolutely no animus against the Ash Rapids company as individuals and I think that when the gentlemen I have named are made aware of the true status of affairs they will remove their names from the directorate of the company, as I am convinced that they have been deluded by some one into the belief that they have properties of extraordinary promise.

I am a mining engineer of many years' experience in the gold fields of Western Ontario, as well as in other parts of the world, and I cannot afford

to be taken in by such a company.

CHARLES BRENT.

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ADVERTISING RATES.

First Page, \$1.00 per month; pages 4, 5 and 6, \$1.25; other pages, \$1.00. Professional services, 10c each or less; \$12 per year. All casual advertisements, 10c per line. Writers \$1.00 per running line.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT., APRIL 2, 1901

SPAIN'S LAST POSSESSIONS.

While the sale of the last of Spain's possessions in Asiatic waters was agreed upon several months ago, actual transfer at Washington marks the obliteration from two continents of what was once the leading land owner of all nations.

Spain was the pioneer maritime nation in the Pacific, as all American children are taught. In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries she was at the height of her glory in possession of lands and wealth. In 1492 the planting of Spain's royal standard on the shores of North America; in 1498 the discovery of South America by Columbus; in 1512 the landing of Ponce de Leon in Florida; in 1513 Balbo's first sight of the broad Pacific. These discoveries made Spain at that time the actual claimant of territory more vast and wealth more stupendous than has been the lot of any nation before or since Spain's zenith. Settlement in the new territories was encouraged and a flood of adventurers pressed into the interior and widened the field over which Spanish dominion was established. Half of the world was therefore conceded to the Spanish crown.

Four hundred years later the same nation parts with virtually the last of its once lordly possessions for a paltry sum, a sum that many a time was wrested from one city in the western hemisphere by the braves of Cortez.

There is left to Spain a small protectorate on the West African coast that no other nation cares to take, with a few scattered islands, the population of which will scarcely total four figures. There is therefore no more land to sell, little to give away and not a foot to fight over. Spanish dominion abroad has ceased to be. At home it is even now threatened by intestine war.

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TOLD IN HIS DREAMS.

PECULIAR VISION OF A RANCHER ON A NEW MEXICO PRAIRIE.

His Partner Appeared to Him During Sleep and Informed Him of the Fearful Fate That He Had Met at the Hands of the Indians.

"No, I can't say I go much on superstition and that sort of thing, but I'd like some of these wise gypsies to explain a little incident that happened to me down in the Pecos valley, in New Mexico, a few years ago."

Grizzled Bob Morrow, veteran cowboy, ranchman, globe trotter and philosopher, took another pull at his cigar as he sat comfortably in his seat in the hotel lobby. A thoughtful look came over his face, and his companions at the table awaited in silence his further utterances. After a pause Bob continued:

"We were 'sign' riding; Lee Wells and I. Know what 'sign' riding is? An imaginary line is drawn on the prairie. Two men, one stationed at each end, ride toward each other at a given hour. Any cattle that have crossed that line are rounded up and driven back. The idea is to keep the cattle together as much as possible during the winter.

"Our line was about ten miles long. Lee and I used to meet half way every day, and if no cattle had crossed we'd sit down and smoke and chat a bit. Sometimes we'd visit each other's 'dobb' and generally chum together as far as men can when ten miles apart. We each had six horses, the pick of the herd, and mighty proud we were, too, of 'em.

"But that time the Indians were rather troublesome. They generally went in small bands, and occasionally the loss of a bunch of horses would be reported by ranchmen thereabout. Lee and I didn't fear 'em much. They carried only bows and arrows, and if it came to a chase our horses could easily outrun theirs. The greatest danger we had to fear was the loss of our horses."

"Lee and I had talked frequently about the Indians, and both were of the same mind—if attacked, kill the horses rather than let the marauding savages get 'em.

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ONE THOUGHT.

Thought time may die the grave of creeds
And dogmas within the soul;
My soul will keep the thought it needs,
Its swerves less in God.

No matter how the world began,
Nor where the march of scenes goes,
My trust to something more than man
Shall help me bear His woes.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Woman's Home Companion.

ABSENTMINDEDNESS.

Absurdities Into Which Victims of the Habit Have Fallen.

When lapses of memory become habitual, the person is properly called absentminded. The Chicago Tribune relates the following absurdities into which some victims of this disease have fallen:

A bridge-room of 24 hours left his wife, strolled around to his mother-in-law's house and asked her if her daughter was at home. This came from force of habit. He had been calling there daily for some time, and it probably occurred to him that he had not paid his usual visit.

A Chicago bank president is unable to account for three-quarters of an hour of his life. He went into a restaurant as usual and ordered his lunch. Nearly an hour later he found himself in his office chair and suddenly remembered the order.

He went back across the street and asked if the luncheon was ready. The clerk informed him that he had eaten, paid the bill and gone away some 15 minutes before that he had put his hat on as he went out and that he (the clerk) had not noticed anything peculiar in his actions.

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SPRING WEATHER.

IS YOUR SYSTEM IN SHAPE TO CARRY YOU SAFELY THROUGH?

The Practice of Taking a Tonic in Spring Is Descended from our Wise Forefathers and Has Good Medical Endorsement. A Few Suggestions Regarding Health.

The practice of taking a tonic during the inclement weather of early spring is one that has been bequeathed us by our forefathers, who lived in days when a sturdy constitution and vigorous health meant even more than they do today. The custom has the highest medical endorsement, and the healthiest people are those who follow it. Thousands not really ill, need a tonic at this season. Close confinement in badly ventilated houses, offices, shops and school rooms during the winter months, makes people feel depressed and "out-of-sorts." Nature must be assisted in throwing off the poison that has accumulated in the system, else people fall an easy prey to disease and are subject to many discomforts from boils, eruptions, and similar troubles. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the best tonic medicine known to medical science.

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A Strange Coincidence.

Bramford, March 31.—Three sudden deaths have been recorded in this city within a few hours. William Tristram, a night watchman at the Waterous engine works, dropped dead of heart disease. Isaac Sipson, boot-maker, of West Bramford, got up early and split some wood. Then he sat down on the sofa and called to his wife for a handkerchief. In about five minutes she returned and found him dead as a result of heart disease. Miss Durban, another resident of the city, was chatting to the family doctor, who had been called in to attend her sick sister, when she suddenly dropped lifeless.

JOUBERT WAS POISONED.

Mercenary Leader States There is no Doubt of This.

Vienna, March 20.—Some very interesting information was given at a lecture on the South African war, which was delivered in Vienna, by a former Austrian hussar officer, one Anton von Goldegg, who belongs to a well-known Salzburg family. He went with his sister to the Transvaal at the beginning of the war as a volunteer in the Boer army, and his sister acted as director of the Boer field hospital. Herr Goldegg, during the last stage of the conflict, was appointed commandant of all the foreigners in the Boer army. He declared positively that General Joubert was poisoned, and said if his death had occurred some months before it would have made a great difference, as Joubert's patriotic system of warfare did great mischief to the Boer cause.

Newcastle, Pa., has refused Carnegie's gift of \$50,000 for a library. This is a peculiar exhibit of human nature but probably Newcastle figures it is not getting something for nothing when a guarantee 10 per cent yearly for maintenance is required.

I hadn't been asleep very long when I was awakened by a sort of feeling that there was somebody in the room. I groped under the pillow for my gun, turning over as I did so, and there in the doorway stood Lee Wells. The feathered shafts of six arrows were sticking from his breast, and his face in the moonlight looked drawn and ghastly. There was a smile of satisfaction on his face, though, as he said quietly:

"Well, they got me, Bob, but they didn't get the horses."

"I was out of bed in an instant. The minute my feet touched the floor Lee vanished. The door was shut and locked just as I left it when I went to bed. Pondering over the realistic dream, or whatever it was, I turned in again, but it was a long time before I got to sleep again.

"A second time I was awakened by the same vision. There stood Lee in the doorway, and again he pointed to the arrow shafts and said:

"They got me, Bob, but they didn't get the horses!"

"No more sleep for me that night. I looked around the dove, thinking perhaps Lee was playing me a trick. I went out to the corral. The horses were all right, and there were no signs of anybody having been around. I sat up and smoked and thought a while till at daybreak; then I mounted and set off for the half way mark. Lee wasn't there, and there was no sign of his coming, so I rode on to his place.

"There, at the gate of the corral, was Lee's body, with six arrows in his chest. Just as I had seen them in the vision. Inside the corral lay the bodies of his horses, all killed with bullets.

"It was plain to me that, seeing the Indians coming, Lee had deliberately killed the horses before turning his attention to the thieves. Judging from the hoof prints, there must have been about 20 Indians in the bunch. Lee must have damaged them some before he fell, judging from the cartridge shells lying around. They took his Winchester, of course, and looted the dove. They didn't get much for their trouble, though.

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Fire and Mosquitoes.

Italian peasants living in swampy regions still follow the old custom of lighting fires for the purpose of purifying the air of malarial poison. As a matter of fact, this is the worst thing they could do, as the fire attracts mosquitoes, which are now known to be transmitters of malarial fever.

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A man who is much afraid of drafts has a feather suspended from the ceiling by a light silken thread. Should the feather move in the slightest degree he doesn't rest content until he finds out where the draft comes from.

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Finally she squats on the ground (for no native stands to work or do anything else who can possibly help it) and, taking her needle, bores two holes in the edges of the rug or garment on which she is working. The thread is then pushed through the butt of the needle, drawn tight, and two more holes are made with a like result, the skewer progressing very slowly—but fast enough for a country where time is of no value whatever.

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It is the desire of every Chinaman's heart to possess a pair of magic bracelets. Arm rings or bracelets are thought a great deal in the Celestial empire, the custom of wearing them having been handed down from time immemorial. Usually made of Jade stone, the Chinese arm ring of today is of one invariable shape. It looks like a large martingale.

The Chinese word for jade is ngook-sen and for jade arm ring or bracelet ngook-ak. The custom in China is to place the bracelet on a young man's arm just before the hand stops growing. A tight fit is usually secured, and once placed the amulet arm-ring is worn throughout life. At death, if the bracelet has proved a lucky one and if there is a son whom it will fit, the bones in the old man's hand are broken and the bracelet removed.

Many are the marvelous tales told by the Chinese of the wonderful qualities these amulets possess. There is a tradition that a certain Chinese emperor who was stricken with paralysis wore upon his forearm a magic bracelet, which kept life in that member for many months and allowed him to make known his desires and decrees by writing. At last, when death claimed the emperor, something even more wonderful took place. Dead three days and lying in state, his body was being viewed by the priests. The adjustability of removing the bracelet was being considered, when the hand was picked up and gave a signal which they interpreted to mean the bracelet should go with its owner to the tomb.

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LUKE 16: 10

Great attention is now paid to aerial navigation. Travel is to be accomplished not upon, but above the earth's surface. Instead of through field and forest, by river and rail, over hill and plain; the traveller will move among the clouds, and breathe the thin air of the higher altitudes. That illustrates the religious aspirations of many. They want to live up high, away from the earth, its callings, its associations, its humble duties and petty exactitudes. A religion of the clouds is not good. Religion is heavenly in the sense that it has its beginnings from God; that its spirit is divine, that its object is Jehovah. But it is also earthly in this that it has its application to all the thoughts and occupations of our humble life. The strength of Greece-fabled wrestler Antaeus lay in contact with the earth. So long as his feet touched the ground he was invincible. Hercules discovered this secret and lifting the giant clear of earth he crushed him in the air. Our religion must touch the earth to be strong. It is only then invincible. The teaching of Christ is that all things in life must be hollowed to being done in the spirit of devotion to God; and this particular word of His invites us to consider the importance of faithfulness in little things. To be in the fullest degree followers of Jesus we must let our religion come down to the earth, touch it everywhere, fulfil small duties as well as embark great enterprises. Study then the importance of little things.

We see this in the structure of the world. Attention has been drawn to the fact that during the last century man has been looking at God's world through the microscope. He has devoted himself to the study of particles and the smallest forms of life. In this way we have learned that God has bestowed infinite care upon the details of His creation. The smallest part of the universe is as perfect a work as any splendid orb of heaven. The grain of sand exhibits in its symmetry and beauty, both design and elaboration. "Earth's every atom has been slowly polished by an infinite artist and architect." The perfection of these greatest monuments of creation is secured by perfection of detail. And so in the realm of life. The minutest insect has its special form as clearly defined and its delicate organization constructed as perfectly as the highest form of being. The micro scope says, What wonders are here! wonders that show God's infinite skill concentrated on little things.

Providence has the same truth to

and sieges, have ruined nations, but small vices. These have silently intruded themselves like sappers laying mines under a city, and their steady, stealthy influence has been rewarded by disaster. Storms and flood sweep over the fields, drought parches the land, and man is robbed of home and bread. But these cause him less trouble than the worm in the forest, the insect upon the vine and the rough spot upon the potato. In seventeen years France lost \$250,000,000 through the depredations of the minute form of life that preyed upon the silk worm and the vine. Disease has been represented as a grim spectre, great in stature stalking through the land and laying the people low. We know now that man's physical enemy is the germ, the microbe, the bacillus, undetected by naked eye, which floats in the atmosphere, lurks in the water, drink or rises a baleful influence from the ground upon which we tread. Holland's dikes have been cut through, man, but the little crayfish has been equal in power of devastation for half-a-hundred. Great is the power of little things and feeble instrumentality in the direction of decline and loss.

4. Happiness and misery are determined by trivial events. Many are accustomed to believe that wealth, wisdom, luxury, fame, and worldly greatness are the dispensers of happiness, and being deprived of them we are doomed to sorrow and repining. Lady Jane Grey wrote with point of diamond upon her palace window these touching words, "My prison Harem of Hebrew story gained promotion to the highest station, but had his thorn in the flesh that for which all else could not compensate, the sturdy disregard of the humbleness attending at the King's gate. A speck of dust in the eye will cause pain. Some trifling event too-power to rob us of our happiness while little acts of courtesy and kindness give us joy. Thinking it over carefully we shall conclude that to an extraordinary degree our happiness lies in these common things, pure aims, true friendships, daily work, simple recreations, and good health; and our unhappiness arises from their absence."

5. The great reform and philanthropic movements declare the potency of general deeds. Mission enterprise and particular, temperance cause, our leading charities, leagues of mercy and red cross, the abolition of slavery, all began with the humble endeavors of true-hearted, brave men and women. Time has made these causes great and their promoters famous.

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HIS START IN LIFE.

IT WAS A GOOD ONE AND WAS THRUST ON HIM BY ACCIDENT.

The Incident Wouldn't Have Happened if a Sheriffsighted Real Estate Auctioneer Had Not Forgotten His Glasses.

I owe my start in life to the fact that an estimable old gentleman forgot to put his eyeglasses in his pocket one morning," said a prosperous business man from a sister city. "It's rather a curious story," he went on, "and I'll tell it as briefly as possible. A good many years ago, when I was a young fellow of 25 or thereabouts, I drifted into Louisville in search of a job that didn't materialize, and the upshot of it was that I found myself practically broke in a strange city. Up to that time I had always worked for small wages and had never succeeded in accumulating as much as \$20, but I had an abiding faith that if I could once get bold of a modest stake I could launch out for myself and make some money."

"One morning, when I was wandering about with only two or three silver dollars in my pocket, looking for a chance to go to work at anything that might offer, I dropped into a big down stairs room where some real estate was being sold at auction. A large crowd was present, and there was an indescribable feeling of tension in the air that warned me something unusual was about to happen."

"While I was standing there, only vaguely interested, the auctioneer, who was quite an elderly gentleman, put up a piece of improved city property and after a considerable pause received a bid of \$200. I could see that the smallness of the amount excited surprise; and I was also aware of a commotion in one corner where half a dozen precious bidders were gathered together in an excited group. They seemed to be quarreling about something, and meanwhile the auctioneer was indignantly appealing for a respectable offer."

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Fixing the Blame.
The young man had returned from his wedding trip and was again at his desk in the office.

It was the day after his return that the junior partner called him to his desk and said:

"Now that you're married, Mr. Quillie, I trust you will be considerate in your treatment of me."

"I don't quite understand you, sir," exclaimed the young man in surprise.

"Oh, it's a little early, I know," admitted the junior partner, "but there's nothing like taking time by the forelock. I suppose you haven't been out late at night yet."

"Certainly not, sir."

"And it's none of my business if you have. But when you do stay out some night be considerate. Remember that I have a reputation for fairness and humane treatment of everybody in this office that I would like to retain. Don't tell your wife that you're sorry you're late, but that that slave driver at the office piled work upon you to such an extent that you had to work right into the night. Don't tell her that the tyrant you work under gave you 16, 17, 18 dinner and told you that you would have to post all the books in the office before leaving for the night. Just invent some other excuse, you know."

The young man thought the matter over for a minute or two and then asked anxiously:

"Well, if I should be late what shall I say?"

"Oh, put it on the senior partner, as I do. He can stand it."—London Answer.

Australia the Poor Man's Paradise.

The cheapness of living in Australia is proverbial. It is a veritable poor man's paradise. In the butchers' shops you see twopenny and fourpenny tickets on the meat, and provisions of local production are equally inexpensive. In the eating houses or coffee shops—a great feature of town life there—you can get a square meal, consisting of a steak or chop, bread and butter, tea for sixpence. There are no tips for waiters in the antipodes. The colonials are enormous tea drinkers and on an average partake of the cheering herb seven times a day. Boarding houses—another prominent feature—are rendered almost essential in a land where the domestic servants command a wage of £1 a week, with every cringing out and leave to practice the piano and keep a bicycle.—Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

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Providence has the same truth to repeat as creation. God's care extends to little things. He clothes the grass which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven. All life is dear to Him and He makes provision for its sustenance. He carries on a process of growth in every tree and flower and living thing. He feeds the gnat with dew and breathes into the lungs of His little insect family.

2. All progress in science and art is made by small and steady advance. The most useful discovery in electrical science, which promises wonders, prophesying that we may converse with a friend at a distance of 500 miles as easily as when sitting side by side, seems trivial in itself. It is a small coil of wire to be attached to the cable in a great interval of distance. Civilization has rewarded its advance by terminating one at a time of conveniences that to us now seem very commonplace indeed, the chair, the lamp, a piece of cutlery, a dish, the pen, and so on, through an infinite detail of pretty things.

Success in business and the amassing of fortune, the best authorities tell us, has not been attained by leaps and bounds—not by speculation, and accident, but by thrift and frugality; and that is the science of turning small and despised things into great. Great generalships won renown only by you and brilliant, devoted details. The battles in which the soldier tramped the blanket in which he slept, and the food which he ate, have been the leaders' most efficient aids. Desirous battles have been the culminating of comprehensive and well-laid plans, minute preparations, perfectly ordered and precisely timed movement.

And education is obtained only through steady drudgery. There must be no skipping. It will not do to pass over a single letter of the alphabet in the study of a language. All its inflections and accents, trifles though they seem, must be mastered. Step by step the heights of intellectual attainment are scaled.

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Anyone who has ever been troubled with boils can sympathize with poor old Job. There was no Burdock Blood Bitters in those days, so Job had to suffer in silence. Now, a day no one need endure the misery of boils.

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"Our next-door neighbor, seeing the condition I was in, told me to take B. B. for my blood, and I did so."

"After I had finished the first bottle I found that soon as the boils had disappeared and all the rest were getting much smaller, I then had two more boils, and by the time I had taken up all mine there was not a boil to be seen. Besides this, a headache, from which I suffered greatly, left me, and I improved so much in health that I am now a strong, robust girl."

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beckoned to a little fat man who had been one of the loudest kickers a few moments before.

"Look here," I said, drawing him aside. "Do you want to be my silent partner for an hour or so?"

"What d'you mean?" said he.

"I gave him the truth in a dozen words. 'Now let me have that \$500 deposit money,' I added, 'and we'll share the profits, whatever they are.'

The little man looked at me shrewdly.

"This is a big joke on all of us," he said, grinning, "and I guess I'll risk the deal."

At the same time he counted out \$500 and put it in my hands. I raced back to the desk with the cash, clinched the sale and before noon had the deed in my possession. Then, to make a long story short, my silent partner offered me \$1,000 cash for my interest, and as \$1,000 looked about as big as a mountain at that stage of the game I promptly accepted. That thousand, fortunately placed, gave me the start that has kept me going ever since.

"But what about the eyeglasses, did you say?" Whr, the auctioneer, as I afterward learned, was very near-sighted, and on the morning to which I refer he had forgotten his glasses. That was why he mistook my gesture of disavowal for a sign of assent and forced me, in spite of myself, into a good thing. I never understood the exact true inwardness of the deal, but the facts in the rough were that a clique of speculators had formed a combine to keep down prices, but owing to some misunderstanding failed to bid promptly on the property which I secured. The auctioneer was on to the game and anxious to break it up; hence his precipitancy in knocking down the lot to yours truly. I heard, later on, that my partly silent partner made \$8,000 out of the transaction, but I didn't begrudge him the money. The \$500 he gave me on faith that morning was worth fully 10 per cent a minute."

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It was told to Daniel Webster that when he asked at a Boston haberdasher's one day for a collar or "thekey" the clerk took a critical look at his customer's neck and, then said: "We haven't got your size. You'll have to go to the next store around the corner for it." That was a harness maker's who made a special horse collars.

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Items of Local Interest

Jacob Hose has an S-hole Second-hand Steel Range for sale cheap. It is in good repair.

The trial of Donald Todd for murder has opened at the Winnipeg assizes. Several witnesses were examined for the crown.

Two men arrested at Grand Forks, N. D., confessed to murdering Able Anderson in a box car at Merrifield, North Dakota.

Wm. Rowley, Jno. Matheson and Albert McLeod of Mikado arrived in town Sunday.

N. Nichols, J. Goodfellow and A. Nichols of Vermilion Bay are in town.

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still retain the Times, which will be placed under the management of Mr. Laurie.

Capt. H. Cam left to visit his parents in Eganaga, Mich., on Monday's express.

Angus Robertson of Vermilion Bay is in town.

Mccullough's camp crew arrived in town on Sunday morning.

W. Potts, of Wabigoon, is in town. F. Johnson, the genial boniface of Wabigoon, is in town.

Mrs. D. McKenzie, of Beaudro's Landing, is visiting her parents at the Central.

Mrs. Sangster, barrister of Wabigoon, is in town.

The Bank of Ottawa has bought \$250,000 of city of Ottawa debentures at 9%. The debentures are for 23 and 30 years.

Capt. W. P. Johnson, of the Pioneer Navigation Co., Wabigoon, is in town.

Mrs. A. C. Tynan, of Gold Rock, is registered at the Central.

Chas. T. Partington has accepted a position in the Hudson's Bay here. He is in charge of the grocery department.

The Villiers Lecture.

A fairly good audience greeted Frederic Villiers at the Hilliard Opera House Saturday night. The noted war correspondent and artist reviewed the incidents and stirring chapters of the South African war in a graphic manner. His training as a correspondent enables him to bring out the most interesting parts of the campaign and to strike the responsive chord in his audience. His hearers were enabled from his description and the splendid views to get a most accurate account of the campaign and a more accurate knowledge than they have been able to obtain in eighteen months reading of dispatches.

LONG TRIP ON SNOWSHOES.

Bishop of Moosonee Travels 900 Miles From Hudson Bay's Northern Post.

Ottawa, March 29.—The Bishop of Moosonee, who arrived in the city yesterday, made a tramp of nearly 900 miles on snowshoes. His Lordship left Moose Factory, one of the Hudson Bay Company's most northern posts, and traveled southward, reaching civilization at the village of Mattawa. There he was met by Col. Rankin, the well-known factor of the company, and an old friend of his, who accompanied him to this city. The bishop will visit Montreal and other points before returning to his distant diocese—Toronto.

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that would enable us to form any opinion as to when any pulp mill industry would be started here.

We also had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Ross, premier, going over with him all the matters of interest to the district.

In Ottawa we were met by our member, Mr. Dyment, who arranged interviews for us with several of the members of the cabinet. In regard to the improvements—locks and dams—on Rainy river, Mr. Tarte informed us that plans of, and estimates of the cost of such work, had been prepared. That he had inserted in his estimate the sum of \$50,000, towards the work, but that it had been struck out by his colleagues. He gave us every assurance that he recognized the necessity for the work, and was in favor of its being carried out. As an outcome of our interview your delegates addressed a communication to Mr. Tarte upon the subject, a copy of this is attached to this report.

In view of what Mr. Tarte told us, we called upon Mr. Sifton and other ministers, and impressed upon them the absolute necessity of this work being gone on with, and of their giving their support to the minister of public works in the matter.

We got definite promises from the minister of customs, and the minister of marine and fisheries, that this place would be made a port of entry and a port of registry.

In regard to the lock and dam on Rainy river, and other matters brought before both the governments at Ottawa and Toronto, your delegates are strongly of opinion that it is only a question of keeping these matters constantly before the various ministers, to get the required improvements carried out. If matters at this end are allowed to rest, and constant pressure not kept up, they will also drag along at the other end, and valuable time lost in getting such necessary improvements carried.

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tions and navigation greatly facilitated at an expenditure of \$5,000 granted for the purpose.

As a means to procure improved conditions throughout the channels of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river and to assure sufficient volume of water each year to float logs from the timber berths of the district to deep water, your council took up with the department of public works at Ottawa the question of erecting storage dams at desirable points. The matter was looked upon favorably by the department and a measure of relief provided.

In June of last year your board sent a delegation east to make personal representations to the authorities respecting the different requirements herein noted. Their report will be found in the minutes of a subsequent meeting of the board. The report of your committee on waterways as per page 289 of letter book, was an important factor in negotiations respecting storage dams.

Correspondence was entered into by

your council in October last, asking that Rat Portage be made a port of registry for shipping, particulars of which will be communicated by the delegates.

Your traffic committee have been

in communication with the C. P. R. on the subject of encouraging summer travel to Rat Portage. There is every prospect that the negotiations will prove effective and satisfactory.

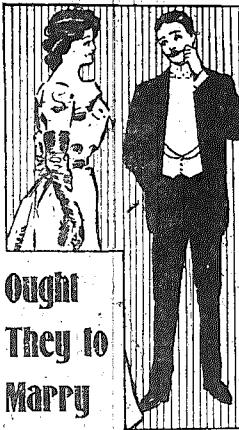
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Correspondence was entered into in December with the director of the Bureau of Mines at Toronto, respecting an ore exhibit from this district at the Pan-American exhibition, which will open at Buffalo in May. The director has assured us that a suitable exhibit will be made pursuant to further correspondence.

In connection of the establishment of a pulp mill at Rat Portage, correspondence was commenced in December, with the commissioner of Crown Lands of Ontario. The delegates recently returned from the east, will be in a position to give all available particulars following upon this correspondence, as well as later communications on the subject of improvements to navigation.

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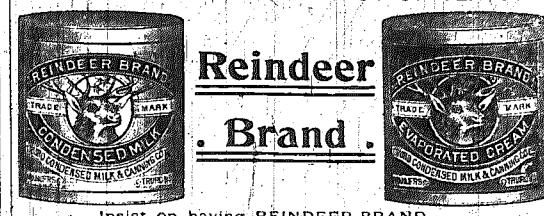


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The Company has controlled the carrying and passenger trade on Lakes Wabigoon and Manitoba and all of the above boats, barges and plant were used in the business last season.

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The Irene, owned by Capt. Johnson, went down at her dock in Keewatin last week.

Jas. Gross will be ready for business in the barber shop in Courtney's billiard parlor on Thursday.

J. E. Wood has had the interior of his drug store very tastefully decorated.

J. A. Osborne, of the Fort Frances Times has, we understand, purchased the Brandon Sun and will remove to that town in a short time. He will

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No Flies In Skyscrapers.

"If I was a baldheaded man I would get me an office on one of the upper floors of the tallest skyscraper in town," remarked an attorney. "Why? Because I never have to brush a fly from my hairless pate. Flies stay near the ground, seldom getting more than 30 or 40 feet above it. The only flies you get in a skyscraper are the ones that stray up through the interior of the building, and they are mighty few. You will find them on the lower doors, but just keep your eyes open when you are in high buildings, you'll see mighty few of the little pests above the third or fourth floors."

Hired by the Hour.

When Remenyi, the famous violinist, was a young man, he was engaged by a parvenu to play at a dinner, the agreement stating that he was to furnish music from 8 o'clock to 11. He began with an adante movement from Mozart, a composition which opens very low and soft.

The host turned to his guests, "That's just like those musicians," said he. "I hired him by the hour, and see how slow he plays."

Casting Metals.

As is well known, some metals are unsuitable for casting, while others, like iron, can readily be cast in any desired shape. The property of casting well is said to depend upon whether the metal contracts or expands on solidifying from the liquid form. Iron, like water, expands in solidifying, and hence the solid metal may be seen floating in the liquid iron about it. The expansion causes it to fill the die into which it is poured, and so it can be cast easily. Gold and silver contract in cooling and therefore are not suitable for casting.

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To make a complete statement concerning each question in all its bearings, it would take up a great deal too much of your time without gaining any corresponding advantage since the membership are already familiar with the bearings of the different actions taken by your council, with government departments and others who are in a position to influence public affairs.

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The board now have a large and influential membership, one that with judicious management, may be expected to procure constantly increasing facilities for general improvement.

E. A. CHAPMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

FRANK GARDNER,
President.

Explosion Slew His 40 Wives.

Paris, March 29.—In connection with the defeat of the native chief, Foddy Kabba, by a French expedition, at Mandina, West Africa, on Saturday last, it is announced that an explosion of the chief powder magazine killed his forty wives.

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To repeal by-laws numbers 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23 and 30 and all that portion of by-law number 19 specifying the notice required, the quorum required, the right of shareholders to vote, and the power to adjourn.

2. And also to enact the following by-laws:

4. Notice of all meetings of the shareholders shall be given by registered letter mailed ten clear days previous to such meeting.

3. And to ratify and confirm by by-law, the proceedings taken at the last two annual meetings of the Company.

Dated at Winnipeg this twenty-second day of March, A.D. 1901.

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